

victims' urgent and long-term needs and are helping victims protect themselves and their children;

Whereas a 2008 National Census Survey reported that 60,799 adults and children were served by domestic violence shelters and programs around the Nation in a single day;

Whereas those same understaffed programs were unable to meet 8,927 requests for help that day;

Whereas there is a need to increase funding for programs aimed at intervening and preventing domestic violence in the United States; and

Whereas individuals and organizations that are dedicated to preventing and ending domestic violence should be recognized: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2009; and

(2) expresses the sense of the Senate that Congress should continue to raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating effects on families and communities, and support programs designed to end domestic violence.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 3617 AND S. 1963

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk, and I ask for their first reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the bills by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3617) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs.

A bill (S. 1963) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide assistance to caregivers of veterans, to improve the provision of health care to veterans, and for other purposes.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask for a second reading en bloc and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bills will receive their second reading on the next legislative day.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Republican leader, pursuant to Public Law 106-286, appoints the following Member to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Honorable GEORGE LEMIEUX of Florida.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2009

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, October 29; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the

time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the Republicans controlling the first hour and the majority controlling the second hour; further, that any time during morning business, adjournment or recess of the Senate count postcloture.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:06 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, October 29, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

PHILIP E. COYLE, III, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY, VICE ROSINA M. BIERBAUM.

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

LAWRENCE G. ROMO, OF TEXAS, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE SELECTIVE SERVICE, VICE WILLIAM A. CHATFIELD, RESIGNED.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be colonel

ANULI L. ANYACHEBELU
MYRNA C. CALLISON
DANNY B. JAGHAB
JOHN M. STANG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY VETERINARY CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be colonel

ANTHONY C. BOSTICK
BRIAN J. GENTILE
CHRIS E. HANSON
ANNETTE K. HILDBRAND
KELLY A. MANN
JAMES T. SHEETS
JOSEPH G. WILLIAMSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY NURSE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be colonel

RISA D. BATOR
MONA O. BINGHAM
ANN M. BLUNT
TRACI E. CRAWFORD
MARGARET A. DIXON
RICHARD L. EVANS, JR.
KEVIN T. GALLOWAY
LENA F. GAUDREAU
STEPHEN K. HALL
RICHARDSON D. JAMES
GARY M. LANG
GLENDA J. LOCK
WILLIAM J. MORAN, JR.
MARIE C. MORENCY
JOHN A. NERGES
JENNIFER L. PETERSEN
SHELLEY A. RICE
KIMBERLY A. SMITH
ORTIZ S. TILLMAN
STEPHANIE C. WILCHER
THOMAS R. YARBER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be colonel

JAMES R. ANDREWS

PAUL D. BLIESE
KARL C. BOLTON
MARK W. BOWER
JOHN D. BUTLER
NOEL J. CARDENAS
SCOTT A. CARPENTER
THOMAS C. DELK
RICK G. DICKINSON
RAYMOND S. DINGLE
WILLIAM S. DRENNON
EMERY B. FEHL
CHERYL L. FILBY
JONATHAN C. FRISTOE
WILLIAM T. GOFORTH
WENDY L. HARTER
EVELYN JACKSON
RONALD L. KROGH
JOHN P. LAMOUREUX
ALEJANDRO LOPEZDUKE
TIMOTHY P. LYONS
MATTHEW E. MATTNER
REBECCA I. PORTER
DAVID G. RICHARDSON
CAROL Z. RYMER
JOHN A. SMITH
ANDREA M. STAHL
KEVIN J. STEVENS
RANDY STORY
SCOTT A. SVABEK
MICHAEL A. SWALKO
MICHAEL J. TALLEY
JERRY S. THOMAS
STEVEN A. TOFT
VICKIE L. TUTEN
ROBERT L. VONTERSCH
SHANDA M. ZUGNER

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate, Wednesday, October 28, 2009:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GLADYS COMMONS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

CHRISTINE H. FOX, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF COST ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. JOHN S. WELCH

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 271:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPTAIN DANIEL B. ABEL
CAPTAIN VINCENT B. ATKINS
CAPTAIN STEPHEN E. MEHLING
CAPTAIN KARL L. SCHULTZ
CAPTAIN SANDRA L. STOSZ
CAPTAIN CARI B. THOMAS
CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER J. TOMNEY

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be general

LT. GEN. MARK A. WELSH III

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COLONEL KELLY J. THOMAS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. DAVID L. WEEKS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. WILLIAM B. CALDWELL IV

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601: